

State Advisory Committee (SAC) For Children with Disabilities
Advising the NH Department of Education Per RSA 186-C:3-b
Minutes for the meeting of April 3, 2013
NH Department of Education
Room 15
4:30pm - 7:00 pm

In attendance: Daniel Ward, Renea Sparks, Ruth Littlefield, Maureen Tracey, Bonnie Dunham, Jennifer Evans, Patrick Curtin, Mike Pinard, Jack Curtin, Donna Curtin, Catherine Meister, Janet Reed, Adrienne Evans, Sue Marcotte, Jenkins, Ellen Boudreau, Dick Cohen, Sarah Cooley.

Guests: Ruth Littlefield, Members of ABLE/*Advocates Building Lasting Equality in New Hampshire*: Jeanne Haase, Lou Primmr, Tamara Lee, David Ouellette, Shawn Bertrand, Jennifer Bertrand, Jenn Pineo, Wendy Stuart, Karen Blake, Millissa Peterson, Jonathan Peterson, Josh Pelez, Rosa Deceream, Deborah Opramolla, Melissa Hilton, Thomas Grinley, Kristen McGraw, Deb Scheet, Roberta Caland, Issac Peterson, Erika Downie, Kirsten Murphy, Katie Epstein.

Agenda Item I: Bonnie opened the meeting with welcome and asked for all members and guests to introduce themselves.

Agenda Item II: Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by Daniel Ward to approve the March SAC minutes. Janet Reed seconded the motion. All in favor with two abstentions.
- Bonnie Dunham made a motion to accept the February SAC minutes, which were tabled from the March meeting, with the correction of who made a motion to the membership vote. Daniel Ward seconded the motion. All in favor with one abstention.

Agenda Item III: Public Comment:

- Several members of the ABLE group provided public testimony regarding personal experiences with Restraint and Seclusion and their own children. The members requested that SAC look at restraint and seclusion as a priority issue.

Agenda Item IV: Legislative Update, Liaison Update, Correspondence, Announcements and Current Events.

- A handout has been provided reviewing the NH Legislative Bills that may affect *Education, Special Education, Persons with Disabilities and/or Families*. There are no upcoming bills.
- SAC Liaison Update: The ESS lead agency in the process of revising their regulations, and will be giving to JLCAR (Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules) on April 19th.
- Current Events: Area Agencies are working with high school students in getting ready for employment. Ellen Boudreau asked if the Department of Education would be taking part in this. Ellen will give more information.

Agenda Item V: Bureau Update: Ruth Littlefield, Bureau of Special Education Consultant

- Commissioner Barry was appointed for a second term by the executive board on March 20th.
- Sequestration – is a 5 percent cut. Second Start has been impacted already by the cuts and it will have an impact on Title Funding. Many entities will be impacted.

Agenda Item VI: Who cares about Kelsey legislative event: May 1st.

- Bonnie and Maureen toured the St. Paul's Church facility – a diagram was handed out. A proclamation will be given by Governor Hassan, with a press conference being planned.
- Maureen reviewed the draft agenda and all who has been invited as co-sponsors. Will need folks to help set up around 11:00~one or two folks each representing the sponsorship. Co-sponsors will receive flyer on Monday, April 8th
- The draft agenda/flyer and draft proclamation will be emailed to SAC members to invite them to come to the event for as long as they can.
- Discussion on the event title was discussed. Suggestions were brought forward such as "Systems of Support – Achieving success for every student" . Dick Cohen spoke on

Multi-Tiered systems of support nationally for all children. This event would be an opportunity to learn about current supports for all children. Others are students overcoming challenges etc.

Agenda Item VII: Next meeting

- For June meeting, Mike McGeen will present about challenges that students face.
- Elections will be in June. For any nominations, please email Terry Stafford or wait until next meeting.
- Daniel Ward reviewed the difficulties of the districts working with the Dept of Corrections with reference to incarcerated students who are in special education. Discussion will continue in June. Potential subcommittee for the fall.
- Discussion around testimonies presented today will be tabled until September.
- There are possibilities of Ad Hoc meetings this summer.

Agenda Item VIII: Adjournment

- Janet Reed made the motion to adjourn and Jennifer Evans made a motion to second the motion.
- Meeting adjourned at: 7:10pm